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JAIL TERMS FOR FOUR MEMBERS OF UK'S HINDUJA FAMILY IN SWITZERLAND

A Swiss court on Friday sentenced four members of the wealthy family to between four and 4 1/2 years in prison for exploiting their domestic workers

GUILTY OF EXPLOITING WORKERS AT SWISS VILLA

The court said the four were guilty of exploiting workers and providing unauthorised employment. Indian-born tycoon Prakash Hinduja, his wife, son and daughter-in-law brought people from India to be employed at their luxurious lakeside villa in Geneva. They paid their staff a pittance and gave them little freedom to leave the house, the prosecution argued | P12

ACCUSED OF 'PROFITING FROM MISERY'

■ Prakash and wife Kamal Hinduja each got four years and six months, while their son Ajay and his wife Namrata received four-year terms
■ Household staff were paid between 220 and 400 francs a month, far below what they could earn in Switzerland. "They're profiting from the misery of the world," Geneva prosecutor Yves Bertossa argued

\$20 billion

THE CURRENT NET WORTH OF THE HINDUJA FAMILY AS PER FORBES

HC stays trial court's order on Kejri's bail

Delhi High Court reserves verdict; asks all parties to file submissions by Monday

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

WITH the Delhi High Court on Friday staying a trial court's order to release AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal on bail, the chief minister will have to stay in Tihar jail till the judge pronounces his order.

Staying the trial court's order, a vacation bench of Justice Sudhir Kumar Jain, reserved his judgment on the Enforcement Directorate's appeal, adding he would pass the order in two-three days, possibly Tuesday. "Till the pronouncement of this order, the operation of the impugned order shall remain stayed," Justice Jain said and asked the parties to file written submissions by June 24.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) S V Raju, for the ED, argued that the trial court's bail order was perverse as it was contrary to the mandate of Section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. "We are not given an opportunity to represent our case in the trial

court. When I tried to submit, the trial court said I have to deliver judgment. Be brief," he said.

Senior advocate Vikram Chaudhary, appearing for Kejriwal, raised a preliminary objection to the listing of the matter during vacation because the trial judge had granted bail through a resend order. "What is the justification of approaching the HC," he asked.



Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi described the ED's approach as deplorable. "The accused cannot be kept indefinitely in jail... It is very unfortunate that the ASG is maligning the judge merely because an adverse order was passed," he said.

Opposing the ASG's argument that he was not given an opportunity to argue, Singhvi said the hearing in the trial court lasted five hours out of which ED took 3.45 hours. "Where is the question of the ED being denied the opportunity to present its case," Singhvi argued.



(From L-R) Addl Commissioner of Transport and Director of Karnataka State Road Safety Authority J Purushothama, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Anucheth MN, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, MLA Rizwan Arshad, NIMHANS Director Dr Pratima Murthy, and TNIE Sr General Manager K'taka P Suresh Kumar at The New Indian Express and Hero MotoCorp 'Ride Safe India' campaign in Bengaluru on Friday

Dr G for stringent driving licence rules

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

HOME Minister Dr G Parameshwara on Friday stressed the need for stringent norms for issuing driving licences.

Dr Parameshwara was speaking at The New Indian Express and Hero MotoCorp's week-long 'Ride

Safe India' campaign that took off here.

Sharing his experience, he recalled how he failed to clear the driving test during his stay in Adelaide, Australia.

"With more than 15 years of driving experience in India, I could not clear the driving test in Adelaide. I was given a reverse

parallel parking test and I failed. I took the test again after proper training and cleared it," Dr Parameshwara said, battling for similar stringent norms here. "I get complaints that those who do not know how to drive get licences easily. We need strict testing norms and only those who clear them should get the licence," he said.

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EXPRESS READ

Political furore over Siddu govt hiring BCG

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government's decision to hire Boston Consulting Group (BCG) for ₹9.5 crore for six months to oversee the state's finances has triggered a political controversy. With BJP slamming the move, Congress hit back stating that even NDA government had hired BCG to prepare its 'Vision Document 2047' | P4

Law to curb cheating in exams comes into effect

New Delhi: Amid continuing uproar over the NEET-UG paper leak, the Centre on Friday brought the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2024 into effect. All offences under this Act are cognisable, non-bailable, and non-compoundable. Those guilty of the offence can be sentenced to jail for 3-5 years | P9

WORLD SEES YOGA AS AGENT OF GOOD: PM

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE world is looking at yoga as a powerful agent of global good, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday on the occasion of the 10th International Yoga Day. Choosing the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre on the picturesque banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar to lead the nation in celebrating, Modi said the 'yoga economy' has immense potential for employment generation as there is a growing global demand to learn authentic yoga from India.

"Yoga helps us live in the present moment without the baggage of the past," he noted, while observing that Jammu

and Kashmir can benefit by attracting more yoga tourists.

The PM took part in a yoga session, which was delayed by over an hour due to rains. The event was scheduled to be held in the open but had to be shifted indoors due to incessant showers. Unmindful of the rain, scores of students joined the PM in performing various asanas on the occasion.

He expressed gratitude for being present in Jammu and Kashmir, the land of Yog and Sadhna, on International Yoga Day. "The atmosphere, energy and experience from yoga can be felt in Jammu & Kashmir today," he said. After the event, PM Modi interacted with the yoga practitioners.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi performs yoga during the celebration of International Day of Yoga, in Srinagar on Friday | P11

Suraj Revanna forced me into homosexual act: Youth

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hassan



Suraj Revanna

AFTER former Hassan Member of Parliament Prajwal Revanna's alleged involvement in a sex scandal, his older brother Suraj Revanna too has been accused of a sex scandal.

A youngster from Arkalgud has filed a complaint at the DG&IP's office in Bengaluru alleging that Suraj Revanna forced him into homosexual acts.

He approached the state police chief's office as Holenarasipur police refused to file his complaint.

He has stated that he went seeking a job and Suraj Revanna forced him

into homosexual acts at the latter's farmhouse at Gannikada in Channarayana taluk in Hassan district on June 18, 2024.

On Thursday, Suraj's friend Shivakumar filed a police complaint against the youth for trying to blackmail Suraj Revanna and seeking Rs 5 crore to not file a complaint.

EC to update voter list in J-K, 3 other states

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

A day after PM Narendra Modi indicated that preparations for Jammu and Kashmir elections were underway, the Election Commission on Friday set the ball rolling for holding the electoral exercise by ordering a special summary revision (SSR) of the electoral rolls in the Union Territory. The poll panel has also ordered updation of electoral rolls in Maharashtra, Haryana, and Jharkhand, where Assembly elections are due this year.

SSR involves reviewing the voter list and unveiling a draft electoral roll. It is usually held prior to polls to ensure the list is as updated as possible. The process involves adding newly eligible voters and removing duplicate and deceased voters, and those who have moved out of the constituency. In identical official communications to the chief electoral officers of the three states and Jammu and Kashmir, the poll panel said the revision exercise would start from July 25 and culminate on August 20. July 1 will be the qualifying date for roll updation. Before the revision exercise, the poll panel would carry out pre-revision activities in the poll-bound states from June 25 to July 24.

The draft rolls would be published on July 25, after which electors can file claims and objections till August 9. The publication of the final electoral roll will be done by August 20.

The Supreme Court had in December last year directed the EC to hold assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30.

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By Shri. Thawar Chand Gehlot
Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka

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Road accidents claim countless lives in India, with an alarming 60% of deaths attributed to them. The New Indian Express, in association with Hero MotoCorp, is organizing a bike rally aimed at raising awareness among riders and the public about the importance of road safety as part of our 'Ride Safe India' initiative.

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